

# Weather Forecast

Mostly cloudy, high 55 today. Fair, colder tonight; low 35. Tomorrow, fair, windy, colder. (Full report on Page A-2.)

**Temperatures Today.**  
Midnight, 52 6 a.m. 43 11 a.m. 50  
2 a.m. 48 8 a.m. 44 Noon 52  
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## RFC Director Says a Colleague Asked Him to Quit and Become 'Fall Guy' in Influence Inquiry

### Rowe Named in Dunham's Story To Senators

By Robert K. Walsh

Walter L. Dunham, Reconstruction Finance Corp. director, disclosed to a Senate subcommittee today that a fellow director recently urged him to resign and be the "fall guy" in the agency's current troubles.

Director C. Edward Rowe, a Massachusetts Democrat appointed to the board last August, gave him that advice in a telephone call to Florida within the last two weeks, Mr. Dunham declared. Mr. Dunham is a Republican.

Shortly after this development in the investigation of influence and favoritism affecting the RFC, the Senate subcommittee voted unanimously to refer its complete report to the Justice Department for action on possible perjury and other law violations.

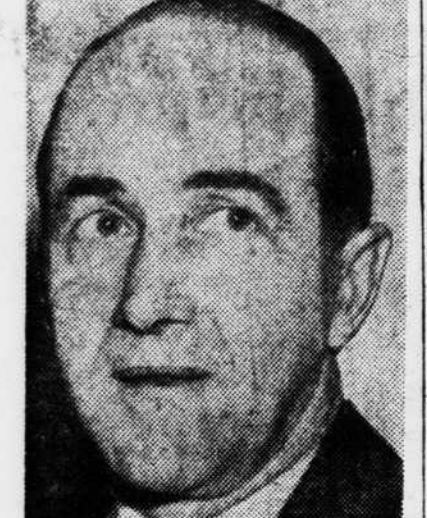
The subcommittee said its staff will work with the department in calling attention to "various cases" of possible law violation.

Questioned in closed session by the Senate subcommittee investigating influence and favoritism affecting RFC, Mr. Dunham said he wrote a letter of resignation before going to Florida several weeks ago. The letter was addressed to President Truman, but was left with Mr. Dunham's secretary because Mr. Dunham did not want to quit while under fire at the current inquiry, the subcommittee was told.

**Will Release Transcript.**  
Subcommittee Chairman Fulbright and other members told reporters that Mr. Dunham testified Mr. Rowe telephoned him in Florida and "suggested that he could solve everything by submitting a resignation and also making public a memorandum to be supplied by Mr. Rowe."

The transcript of Mr. Dunham's testimony, including the text of his letter of intended resignation and the memorandum he said he received later from Mr. Rowe, will be made public later today, the subcommittee announced.

"We haven't had a chance to



C. EDWARD ROWE.

examine the memorandum thoroughly," Senator Fulbright said, "but the suggestion was that Mr. Dunham was to be the fall guy and take the rap for everything that has been disclosed at our hearing."

Senator Capewell, Republican, of Indiana said a quick look at the memorandum convinced him that it was a move by Mr. Rowe and "perhaps others" to make Mr. Dunham the "fall guy."

The subcommittee did not immediately disclose the date on which Mr. Rowe reportedly telephoned Mr. Dunham in Florida. Senator Fulbright said, however, that it was within the last two weeks and after the start of the subcommittee's open hearings.

Mr. Dunham returned from Florida last Sunday. He was heard in executive session because of a doctor's certificate saying he could

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### Place Classified Ads For Sunday Star Now

It's true we'll take orders for Sunday classified ads until 2 p.m. Saturday. But you can "help avoid a Saturday afternoon telephone traffic jam at The Star" by placing your Sunday ad earlier in the week.

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## Slide Rules, Graphs Fail to Solve Human Equation in Agency Shift

3,000 or More to Balk at Moving; Other 2,000 to Leave, Willingly or Otherwise

The human factor, always a vexatious mystery to efficiency experts, clashed today with the Government's carefully laid plans to move 5,183 "positions" out of Washington within 60 to 90 days after funds are appropriated.

Down to the last detail and dime, the Government planners, using slide rules, charts and other paraphernalia of their trade, plotted all the tangible factors they could foresee in the Federal decentralization program.

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## Attorney Tells Butler Probers Of Libel Check

Times-Herald Lawyer Approved Use of Composite Photo

By W. H. Shippen

An attorney for the Washington Times-Herald today told Senators investigating the Butler-Tydings senatorial campaign that he had examined the page proofs of a pre-election tabloid printed by the newspaper and did not consider the material libelous in the sense that the newspaper could be held accountable.

Perry Patterson told the subcommittee that he had been instructed to waive the attorney-client privilege by Mrs. Ruth McCormick Miller, editor of the Times-Herald.

The witness added that Mrs. Miller was anxious to co-operate with the investigation in every way.

Mr. Patterson said the primary responsibility of the Times-Herald ended after half a million copies of the Butler tabloid, "from the record," were deposited on a loading platform.

"Considerable latitude," "You yourself looked over the material and asked others if the sources were authentic and you were informed that the sources were authentic," asked Senator Hennings, Democrat, of Missouri.

"That is correct," The attorney explained that interpretations of the libel law rest for the most part on probabilities. He explained that "considerable latitude" is allowed in commenting on public matters, "especially when the comments occur in conjunction with a political campaign."

Mr. Patterson said, "Consequently I felt the tabloid was not libelous."

Chairman McNamara then asked: "It would seem if there was libel it would first attach to the parties to whom the tabloid was attributed?"

"Yes," Mr. Patterson replied. He explained this would be one reason to relieve the Times-Herald of responsibility for the publication. "We parted company with the tabloid at the loading platform," Mr. Patterson declared.

Called "Tissue of Lies," Former Senator Millard F. Tydings, the defeated Democratic candidate, has called the tabloid "a tissue of lies." Mr. Tydings was "composited" by a photograph purporting to show him in friendly association with former Communist Leader Earl Browder.

Mr. Patterson, whose firm also represents the Chicago Tribune, owner of the Times-Herald, told the committee he had reviewed the photograph and pointed out that the caption material described it as a "composite."

The witness said it was his understanding whether he was acquainted with movie star John Garfield, "alleged to have been active in the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League," Jerome said he refused to answer on the grounds of possible self-incrimination.

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## Allies Advance 1 to 2 Miles Against Spotty Red Resistance

11,039 Chinese and North Koreans Listed As Casualties on Opening Day of Drive

By the Associated Press

TOKYO, Mar. 8.—Allied troops stabbed ahead 1 to 2 miles today against spotty resistance in the second day of their 70-mile wide drive in Korea.

Field dispatches said the Red resistance was "more of a rear-type fighters over Northwest Korea." The Russian-built jets fled. Neither side sustained damage.

"We didn't have time to get in any good shots at them," said Lt. Col. Glenn T. Eagleston, flight leader. "As soon as they saw us coming they turned tail and ran."

The United States 25th Division fanned out an additional mile today from the 3-mile-deep bridgehead it carved yesterday on the north bank of the Han River

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## House Witness Spurns Ex-Navy Worker Here All Questions on Link With Communist Party

V. J. Jerome, Reported Head of Cultural Unit, Spurns With Committee

By L. Edgar Prina

V. J. Jerome, reported head of the Communist Party's cultural commission in America, today refused to tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities on which side he would fight in the event of war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Jerome, who identified himself as a writer and editor, refused to answer all pertinent committee questions on the subject of communism. The committee was primarily interested in his alleged activities in directing Communist organizations and fund raising in Hollywood as charged by earlier witnesses.

Asked by Committee Counsel Frank Taylor whether he was acquainted with movie star John Garfield, "alleged to have been active in the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League," Jerome said he refused to answer on the grounds of possible self-incrimination.

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## 'Ceiling' of 4 Million To Be Provided in House Draft Measure

Vinson Group Ends Public Hearings Today; Senate Vote Delayed

By George Beveridge

Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee said today he will make changes in a draft bill before his group to provide for a ceiling of 4 million men in the armed forces.

On the other side of Capitol Hill, the death of Senator Chapman, Democrat of Kentucky, died today in Bethesda Naval Hospital seven hours after his car crashed into a big trailer truck on upper Connecticut avenue.

Senator Chapman's lungs were crushed in the crash at Van Ness Street and Connecticut avenue at 3:30 a.m. and Naval surgeons were preparing to operate to keep him alive with oxygen when he died.

Senator Chapman, of Arizona, Democratic floor leader, and Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrat, of Texas, were at Senator Chapman's side when he went into the operating room.

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The front of the Senator's car was crushed back against the body when it rammed head-on into a Safeway Stores tractor-trailer truck.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad had to pry open the door of the Senator's car before he could be extricated from the wreckage. Damage to the Senator's car was estimated at \$800.

The truck was driven by William D. Moore, colored, 46, of 1319 South Carolina avenue S.E. He was not injured and damage to the big truck was estimated at about \$20.

Car on Wrong Side. An accident investigation unit report listed the Senator's car as being "on the wrong side of the street; not in passing." A hearing was to have been held in the corporation counsel's office.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald was called to take over the investigation after Senator Chapman's death was reported.

The AIU report said the Senator estimated his speed at between 20 and 25 miles an hour and the truck driver said he was driving about 15 or 20 miles an hour.

A diagram on the AIU report indicated Senator Chapman was going south on Connecticut avenue and turning left into Van Ness street.

The AIU report listed Stanley Wolin of Brooklyn, N. Y., as the only eye witness of the accident. Police said they did not have a Washington address for Mr. Wolin.

Announcer Summons Help. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad was called by Jackson Lowe, announcer for Radio Station WINX who arrived on the scene only a few seconds after the accident happened.

"I was driving north on Connecticut avenue and had just passed the intersection of Van Ness Street when I came upon the scene of the accident," Mr. Lowe said.

"As I came abreast of it I saw the Plymouth, heading south, crushed into the front of the truck. A man was pinned in it and the two truckmen were standing there. I told them I'd call an ambulance and drove 2 blocks to call the rescue squad because they are so fast."

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